Offshore exploration in the arctic

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Why? Challenges? What challenges? The heart of the matter: **Principles** Solutions





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CHALLENGES? WHAT CHALLENGES?



Been there, done that...





...Or, not quite?



So, what's the difficulty?



It's ice





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It's cold







It's shallow







It's pristine and vulnerable





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PRINCIPLES



Principles

Robust and reliable

Working environment driven Shallow and deepwater capable

High autonomy

Highest achievable standards of environmental protection





The case for extending the season

Imperial Oil (ExxonMobil) for Beaufort Sea preliminary plan: One well, three seasons...



The case for extending the season





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SOLUTIONS









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Rig selection: basic rig type

	Jack-up	Semi- submersible	Vessel
High arctic (Beaufort, Chuckci, Northern Greenland, Kara, East Siberian)	+*	-	++
Sub arctic (Seasonal high arctic and periodic ice infested such as southern Greenland, Barents)	+*	+	++
Winterized / Harsh environment	+*	++	+



Dynamic positioning Spread mooring Turret mooring



Ice loads are the governing factor They are a simple(?) resultant of the size of the object

Reduce the size.... Reduce the load



Reducing the load





Drillship solutions





- Example 1: Drillship for extended seasonal drilling: PRD12,000
 Bully class
- Main Particulars:
 - Single derrick with off-line standbuilding
 - 8,250ft waterdepth MDR and 12,000ft waterdepth PRD
 - 150 POB
 - 90 days full autonomy
 - DNV ICE-05
 - Dynamic Positioning and optional position mooring (with underwater fairleads)



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Example 2: Drillship for year round drilling: NanuQ 5000 TM / DP

• Main Particulars:

- Single derrick with off-line standbuilding
- 5,000ft waterdepth, with drilling consumables storage for up to 2 wells
- 200+ POB
- 120 days full autonomy
- PC1..4, supplemented by Russian ice classes to allow operations in all arctic offshore oil projects
- Turret Moored > 12-16 point mooring, Ø 12.4m moonpool
- Dynamic Positioning > Based on ice-classed azimuthing units



From P10,000 to NanuQ





Drillships in Ice



Arctic experience & drilling solutions

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